

Cooperative Education Teachers

The Wisconsin Cooperative Education Skill Standards Certification Program is designed to assist you in meeting state industry standards.

The program requirements are:

- Use of state approved industry standards
- Two semesters of paid work experience
- Career planning
- Proficiency grading
- Certified teacher

Program application process

All program materials are available on the DPI website at:
www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsis/let/workbased.html

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What is Certified Co-op?

Cooperative Education is a credit course available to junior and senior students enrolled in Career and Technical Education. The goal of the program is to supplement formal classroom instruction with relevant on-the-job experience so that you may:

- Apply concepts and skills learned in classes to the work situation
- Acquire job-related skills not available within the school environment
- Gain work experience through responsibilities encountered on the job



How do I apply?

It's easy to become a Co-op student...

- First* - Stop in the Co-op Office at your school and make an appointment to talk with a Co-op Coordinator. The coordinator will discuss program requirements and course prerequisites.
- Second* - Complete the application forms.
- Third* - Submit a typed resume.
- Fourth* - Register for the appropriate course and section with a permit from the coordinator.
- Fifth* - Be available for employment interviews.



How am I graded?

As a co-op student, you will attend classes that correspond with your work experience. Your course grade is based on the following:

- Your participation and attendance at the seminar
- Your completion of individualized job goals
- Your employer's evaluation of your job performance
- Skill attainment on the state recognized industry validated standards

What advantages does Certified Co-op offer?

- Job experience directly related to your career interest
- Secure a future job reference
- Learn skills that can't be taught in the classroom setting
- Possibly secure a permanent full time position with your co-op employer
- Earn graduation credits
- Earn post-secondary credits
- Make informed career choices
- Earn a state skill certificate

Co-op Employers?

Participating employers make the final hiring decision and determine hourly rates. An employer agrees to hire a co-op student for the duration of the semester, subject to renewal for a second work term if performance and business needs warrant continued employment.

